

# Honors English III

*The Crucible*

# Act I Review

- Name the setting of the play—time and place.
- What type of government rules in Salem?
- As the play opens, who is lying unresponsive on the bed?
- What is her relation to Rev. Parris?
- Parris has sent for someone. Who and why?
- Why is Parris upset with Abigail?

# Act I Review

- Parris questions Abigail about being fired by Elizabeth Proctor. What has he heard?
- To what does Abigail attribute her firing?
- Thomas Putnam holds a grudge against Parris. His \_\_\_\_\_ was a candidate for the Salem ministry, but did not get the job.
- How would you describe the attitude of Mrs. Putnam? What has happened to her babies?

# Act I Review

- Thomas Putnam urges Rev. Parris to address the town and announce he has discovered witchcraft. Parris agrees to lead a prayer but will not mention witchcraft until who has assessed the situation?
- The girls gather together. Abigail tells them that she told her uncle about everything in the woods. What did she leave out of her story?

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- John Proctor shows up at Parris' house and sees Mary Warren. He questions why she is not working at his house and threatens to beat her if she does not obey his rules.
- Abigail and Proctor talk once Mercy and Mary leave. What is the conversation about? What are the attitudes of both Abby and John?

# Act I Review

- What is Betty's reaction when the crowd in the parlor sings a psalm?
- We meet Francis and Rebecca Nurse... what type of people are they? Francis has disputes with Thomas Putnam over land boundaries.
- Francis was part of the group that denied \_\_\_\_\_ for the ministry.
- What does Rebecca Nurse think is wrong with Ruth and Betty?

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- Proctor, Parris, and Putnam have a heated talk about their places in gov't, Parris' sermons, and Proctor's church attendance. What has Proctor's church attendance been like?
- Parris and Giles Corey bicker over six pounds to pay for what?
- Giles claims that Parris overstepped his boundary in asking for what else?
- Parris accuses Proctor in being part of a group against him.
- Putnam and Proctor also argue over lumber and land.

# Act I Review

- Reverend Hale arrives in Salem. Parris tells him about finding the girls in the woods and Mrs. Putnam sending her daughter to conjure the spirits of her dead children.
- Giles Corey asks Hale about his wife's behavior... Hale concludes they will discuss it later. What behavior?
- Hale questions Abby about dancing in the forest. Parris adds that he saw a kettle in the grass. What does Abby say it contained?
- How does she justify the "moving object" in the soup?



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- The questions get more severe...
- Who does Abby end up saying “called” the devil?
- She also says that Tituba made her drink the blood.
- Tituba tries to defend herself; Abby begged her to concoct a charm.
- What triggers Tituba to break down?
- She says the devil has many witches in his service.
- Putnam suggests she has seen two local outcasts... who?

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- In the midst of religious talk, Tituba says she saw four people with the devil. Who does she say the devil told her to kill?
- Tituba declares the devil showed her Sarah Good and Goody Osburn... why does Mrs. Putnam say this makes sense?
- At this point, Abigail, Betty, and the other girls start doing what?
- Hale calls for the marshal to arrest the accused witches.

# Act I... Thinking Further

- The witch trials bring out community problems in the worst possible way.
- The idea of witchcraft allows citizens to blame political failures, deaths of children, and land squabbles on supernatural influences.
- No one has to confront or accept individual issues... “the devil made me do it.”
- The slightest unorthodox behavior can make someone suspect... Martha Corey

# Act I... Thinking Further

- Abigail's reaction to the pressure
  - Passes blame on to Tituba
- Tituba follows lead
  - Puts her own thoughts in the devil's mouth; can now speak about her aggression against Parris
  - Normally powerless figure; gains power in context of the trials
  - Names secret sins of residents